

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS- PR&RD Department- Vigilance Report No.55, Dt:23.12.2021- Allegations of irregularities levelled in the preparation of estimate for the work "construction of BT road in the village Pedapariya Ozili(M), Nellore District" - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore (Retired on 30.09.2019) under Rule 9 (2) (b) (i) of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 1980 read with Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Charges framed - Written Statement of Defence- Considered - Further action dropped- Orders- Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.262

Dated:18.03.2024

Read the following:

1. From the DG, G.A (V & E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 55 (C.No.6321/V&E/E/2018), Dt:23.12.2021
2. G.O.Ms.No.14, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:04.04.2022.
3. G.O.Rt.No.129, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:04.04.2022.
4. G.O.Rt.No.131, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:04.04.2022.
5. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Letter No.Vig.III(1)/1540/2022, Dt:14.07.2022.
6. From the ENC, PR Letter No. Vig. III (1).1540/2022, dated: 28.11.2022;
7. ENC,PR remarks dt:14.9.2023 in e-file bearing Computer No. 1609346 along with further letter of the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Nellore, Nellore District, Lr.Rc.No.EC1/749/2022, Dt:15.07.2023
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ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department made in the reference 1st read above relating to certain irregularities against the Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel in preparation of estimates for the work "Construction of BT road in the village Pedapariya, Ozili (M), Nellore District" and instead of adopting shortest lead for metal (34.65 Kms) i.e., Kundukur Quarry that they adopted longest metal lead (53.35 Kms) i.e., Parlapalli Quarry for the work and causing loss of Rs.4,03,690/- to the exchequer, Government vide reference 2nd read above, have accorded sanction under Rule 9 (2) (b) (i) of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 1980, to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore (Retired from service on 30.09.2019). Accordingly, Government vide references 3rd & 4th read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceeding under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and framed following charge under Rule 20 of said rules against Sri E. Prakash Reddy, Executive Engineer (PR) (Retired), with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

Charge: That Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore (Retired from service on 30.09.2019), has

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committed irregularities in the preparation of estimates for the work "Construction of BT road in the village Pedapariya Ozili (M), Nellore District" instead of adopting shortest lead for metal (34.65 Kms) i.e., Kundukur Quarry, the Executive Engineer, has recommended longest metal lead (53.35 Kms) i.e., Parlapalli Quarry for the work "Km 2/6 of OG road to Pedapariya in Ozili Mandal of SPSR Nellore District" causing loss of Rs.4,03,690/- to the Govt. exchequer. Hence, the charge.

2. In the reference 5th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, among others, has furnished the written statement of defence dt: 02.07.2022 of the charged officer Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore and retired as Superintending Engineer (PR) (retired) to the Government for taking further action in the matter.

3. In his written statement of defence, the charged officer Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore (now retired) has stated that he was joined duties as Executive Engineer, PR PIU Division, Nellore on 20.04.2018 and to that extent CTC was submitted to ENC (PR). But, the estimate for the subject work was prepared and submitted for technical sanction by the then EE, PIU Division, Nellore on 22.11.2017 and the same was technically sanctioned by the C.E (PR) on 12.01.2018. Hence, he was no way concerned with the preparation of the estimate for the above said work. The Regional V&E Office staff have contacted him through mobile to submit the statement on 01.06.2021 regarding utilizing Parlapalli quarry in preparation of estimate for the work by that time he was retired from service on 30.09.2019 and suffering with paralysis and staying at Kurnool. The statement was submitted by him without verifying the records and also due to less memory and ill health. After charges are framed against him and verified the records and realized that, he was no way concerned with the preparation of estimate adopting Parlapalli quarry. The Charged Officer has requested the Government to drop charge against him.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, has informed that the Superintending Engineer, PR, Nellore in letter dt:24.11.2022 has furnished remarks stating that Parlapalli quarry is approved in all estimates in PR Department and being used by all Engineering Departments for last few decades. The District Mining Department has also not communicated the Kandukuru Quarry by the time of visit of Vigilance & Enforcement Department and even today also the quarry is not approved. Further, the District Mining Department has also not communicated the same so far and in the light of the above, the field staff have utilised Parlapalli quarry during preparation of estimate for the subject work.

5. In continuation, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, in the reference 7th read above, has furnished further report of Superintending Engineer, PR, Nellore dt: 15.07.2023 wherein the S.E., (PR) has furnished the parameters of coarser aggregate from Kandukur Quarry and Parlapalli quarry and been got tested at Sree Srinivasa Quality Control Lab, Nellore (NABL) in the tabular statement about the test results and informed that "the test results of coarse aggregate can be concluded that Parlapalli Quarry is superior to Kundukur Quarry in view of strength parameters of the material available in Kundukur Quarry, which helps for longer life of the roads".

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6. Government, after careful examination of the matter and in the light of the report of the ENC, PR mentioned above, have decided to drop further action against Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore (now retired) in the matter.

7. Accordingly, the Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore (now retired), in the matter.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada
Sri E. Prakash Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Nellore (now retired)

through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the above retired officer and furnish the acknowledgment copy)

Copy to :

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi

The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada

The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department

The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR&RD Department

The PS to the Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department
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